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## DSA donates computers to LRC

By Amanda Fickling

Congestoga College's principal, Grant McGregor, made an appeal July 13 to the Doon Student Association (DSA) for a donation of five computer stations to the Learning Resource Centre, and on the same day the association decided to donate eight stations.

"I'd like to up the ante," said Gerry Cleaves, DSA's vice-president of operations.

Kristin Murphy, DSA president, said the association decided to donate the computer stations because they can be useful to all students. Every student has been in the LRC at least once he said.

"And we have the money to do it," said Murphy.

The systems will be used for information purposes only, said Murphy. Anyone using them for other purposes will be kicked off.

The cost of the eight stations, which will include all the accessories such as, chairs and



Kristin Murphy, DSA president, left, and Gerry Cleaves, DSA vice-president of operations, and the rest of the DSA have decided to donate eight computers to the LRC. (Photo by Amanda Fickling)

desks, is unknown at this point, said Murphy. Although, he said McGregor had the cost of five stations figured out to be about \$12,000.

McGregor said the DSA made a donation about two years ago to the library, and five stations are a direct result of that donation.

McGregor said every student in the school is affected by the technology the college has. The number of stations in the school is not enough.

"There are about 4,000 students trying to access the systems, and there just aren't enough," he said.

He made a suggestion that a printer may be added to the donation, because sometimes it is difficult for students to print.

McGregor said the computer systems will have more CD ROM and Internet access.

Murphy said the systems will be in place for September.

He said McGregor "was a happy man" when he found out about the

association's decision.

McGregor also brought up a suggestion to the DSA for the donation of television monitors, which could be strategically placed throughout the school.

Areas like the Sanctuary and entrances to the cafeteria could have monitors with announcements, such as when classes are cancelled or if single parents are needed in an emergency, said McGregor.

He said there would not be any advertising on them, only significant messages.

"If a lot of junk starts showing up on them, people will not read them any more," he said.

McGregor said if, in the future, the DSA was willing to entertain those notions, the college could hire Conestoga students to do the installation of the monitors under the Conestoga College work program.

These issues will be discussed at a further date.

## Investigation and training conference for police held at Conestoga College

By Jason Gennings

Law enforcement officers from across Canada attended the 21st Annual Canadian Identification Society (CIS) Training Seminar and Conference hosted by Conestoga College and local police services June 29 to July 3.

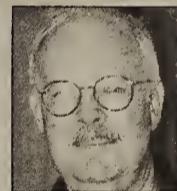
This is the first time that a non-police organization has hosted the conference, and Conestoga College is co-hosting it with Waterloo Regional Police Services, Brantford, and Guelph Police Services, said Brent Walker, second vice-president of CIS.

"When I was in policing I did this kind of work. I was an identification officer and I kept my membership up since I came to Conestoga," said Walker, who

currently teaches photography, physical evidence and investigation in the law and security program.

Walker said the conference is held to meet with experts and vendors of technology. With technology changing so fast, he said this annual conference is important.

"A lot of the material we use now out in the field is highly related to different types of technology. A lot of it has to do with computers," said Walker. "I thought, we have all these computer labs here in the building, I thought maybe we could work



Walker

some way out to actually put people through training sessions on computer programs."

Those in attendance used the Identikit program, a way of putting together facial composites, they learned to do scale drawings of a crime scene using AutoCAD, and had an introduction to the Internet.

They also learned how to use PowerPoint to make a fingerprint chart to show a court how they came to a conclusion about a fingerprint.

Walker said identification officers have a unique position. They are regarded as experts in their field and can give opinions.

Other training at the conference included education on biohazards. An expert from Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto came to talk to the

society members.

"The way the material is handled in the field, it is very easy to get yourself infected by the sample you are dealing with," said Walker.

He said law and security students helped with the conference by running errands, as well as acting as hosts for the spouses program.

The students lead tours of local shops, galleries, as well as visits to St. Jacob's Farmer's market.

The itinerary included the Alexander Graham Bell Homestead in Brantford, the McCrae House in Guelph and the Southworks factory outlet mall in Cambridge.

The conference featured a children's program, which included a trip to African Lion Safari and Sportsworld.

## Car crash claims the life of a Conestoga student

By Ned Bekavac

Kulvinder Lall, 44, a third-year woodworking student at Conestoga College, died after his car hit a tractor-trailer near Highway 410 on the afternoon of June 30.

Lall, a Brampton man who roomed at Rodeway Suites while at school, was eastbound on Highway 401 near Highway 410 when the collision occurred.

He was driving home from

Conestoga College for the Canada Day holiday.

According to a published report in the Toronto Star, the truck driver told police he was looking in his mirror to make a lane change and when he looked up, traffic had stopped.

He slammed on his vehicle's brakes and drifted to the left shoulder and stopped against the guardrail.

The driver told police he had "no idea where the car came

from."

Lall, who was married and had two daughters, was to graduate from his woodworking program in August.

"Kulvinder was fairly quiet, he was such a nice guy," said Allan Sparling, woodworking program co-ordinator, and one of Lall's teachers.

"The death was incredibly quick," Sparling said. "There was not much anyone could do."

A traditional Sikh funeral was

held for Lall July 4 at Scotts Funeral Home - Archdekin Chapel in Brampton and proceeded to the crematorium.

Lall is survived by family and friends in Germany, India and British Columbia.

"The power of his relatives and friends is incredible," said Sparling of the well-attended ceremony.

"He has a wonderful infrastructure of friends and support."

# Training and development grows in Stratford

By Amanda Fickling

Conestoga College has joined with Women in Rural Economic Development (WRED) and Time Training Services in Stratford to form a centre to help residents of Stratford with their careers.

The project is a joint effort by WRED, a not-for-profit organization which holds the lease to the building, Time Training Services, a private organization, and the college.

WRED is an organization that helps rural residents, especially women, create their own businesses.

Conestoga College is offering the high-end computer training that Stratford needed, said Sandra Schelling, manager of computer training, certificate computer programs and corporate computer training.

The training and development department at Conestoga has entered into a one-year agreement with the two other parties at the training site, known as the

Learning Centre, said Schelling. If all goes well, then the college will remain at the institution.

Schelling said the training that will be given at the new site couldn't be offered in the past.

"There is nothing like it in Stratford at all," she said.

Programs such as the Microsoft certified systems engineer program, the business programming and applications program and the Microsoft certification preparatory program will be offered on a full- and part-time basis.

Students will be able to take the courses Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., 1:30 to 6:30 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. Courses will also be offered on Saturdays and Sundays. Schelling said the class sizes will be limited to 16 students per class.

Conestoga College has previously offered computer courses at the Stratford General Hospital and will continue to do so, said Schelling.

The college has two computer labs at the hospital with minimum

capabilities. They are good systems, but they don't offer the level of training that the Learning Centre will, she said.

"The Learning Centre will have the latest technology. It will all be leading-edge," said Schelling.

Schelling said Stratford is a good market for these types of programs and that is why the college is investing so much in the project.

Aside from offering programs to individuals, the training and development department at the Learning Centre will also design training programs for corporate clients, said Schelling.

She said large businesses that require computer updating can approach the college and ask it to design a program for their special needs, and then deliver it to students they send to the college.

Some of the corporations have the facilities to use, but they don't have the people to properly instruct the trainees, in that instance Conestoga would supply a teacher for the corporation, said Schelling.

Julie Burch the project manager of WRED, said when the Learning Centre was being organized there was space for a third organization. The alliance between Time Training Services, WRED and Conestoga College began in the spring, she said.

The centre was trying to come up with an idea that would match strengths and weaknesses when Conestoga College contacted it, said Burch.

Because the college wanted to offer computer courses it was a good match, she said. Conestoga was able to provide the centre with up-to-date software and training.

"Conestoga has good programs and excellent credibility," she said.

Time Training Services specializes in helping people find suitable jobs out in the labor market, said Burch.

The three partners officially opened the doors of the Learning Centre on June 25, although, Conestoga's courses will not begin until the second week of September.

e Learning Centre



Julie Burch is the project manager of WRED, one of the three organizations that have located at the Learning Centre in Stratford with Conestoga College.

(Photo by Amanda Fickling)

## Physical resources recycles

By Anita Santarossa

Ever wonder where old and used chairs, desks, lockers, shelving — you name it — go when they are replaced by new items?

Physical resource manager at Conestoga College Pete Schlei said most items are either reused by other satellite campuses, given to entrepreneurs who are starting up their own businesses or transported to a non-profit recycling company called Community Assets in Guelph.

On July 10, several physical resource staff were doing inventory and cleaning out the main storage building at Conestoga's Doon campus.

"Things pile up over the year, so we use the summer season to clean out the storage, so it doesn't become a big mumbo jumbo," said Schlei.

There comes a point when the college has to do clean-up, either because items can't be used, or they are so out of date that no one will use them, said Schlei.

He said some items that can't be used again for their original purpose are those which change safety standards, like old cribs that are used in the day-care centres.

"Old cribs, used at the day care for sand and water boxes, won't be used as cribs again, but could be used by other departments as something else," said Schlei.

Many classroom items, he said, are shipped to the main storage room from other satellite campuses, and stored there until they are needed at any of the campuses.

"We recently received a lot of



Pete Schlei, manager of physical resources, helps move various items in the storage building at the Doon campus.

(Photo by Anita Santarossa)

desks and chairs from the Guelph campus because they were renovating their learning resource centre," said Schlei.

"Things pile up over the year, so we use the summer season to clean out the storage so it doesn't become a big mumbo jumbo."

*Conestoga physical resources manager, Pete Schlei*

stay around for a longer period of time because they are odd-ball pieces that don't match with anything, said Schlei.

"There are only three grey lockers here, so they may be used as personal storage for instructors if they want them, or given to a local business that may need them," said Schlei.

Everything seems to keep moving from campus to campus, said Schlei, but if there isn't any use for an item (or items) at the college they will ship it out to Community Assets in Guelph, who will either reuse the items or actually recycle them into other products.

If items turned in are in need of repairs, the repairs are done once the item is shipped to the area where it will be reused.

"The maintenance person of the specific department will do the repairs on the item, if there are any," said Schlei.

teachers, I've learned a lot of dos and don'ts," Brown said.

"They've been in this field and are able to pass on a lot of information."

The store's inaugural payroll featured but three employees. The success of the company has increased this number to 12.

Krystyna Hennelly, a marketing graduate of Conestoga College, is the company's head receptionist and accountant.

"She is our backbone," Brown said.

The Little Computer Shop advertises weekly in the Kitchener-Waterloo Record, rents a billboard on Victoria Street, and will advertise in September's Conestoga College student handbook.

It is now fulfilling a deal with the University of Waterloo that will see it distribute 55 laptops, 12 desktops and a server to the university.

In conjunction with this agreement, Brown said, the store is signing \$2,000 to a UW scholarship fund.

The success of his store hasn't kept him from striving further, he says. Brown is currently planning a flat-fee long-distance plan, Skybridge Telecomm, for citizens of the greater Hamilton area.

Though this may sound like a big load to carry for one student, Brown is thankful he is working independently.

"The greatest thing is working for yourself. It doesn't even feel like work, really," Brown said.

## Little shop has big ideas

By Ned Bekavac

Co-owned by Conestoga College business-marketing student Mike Brown, The Little Computer Shop is small in name only.

Though Brown, 24, is anticipating his May 1999 graduation from Conestoga College, he is already reaping the rewards of his first two years in the program.

The Little Computer Shop, located at 380 King St. N., Waterloo, will celebrate its first anniversary in September; the success of the store has surpassed even Brown's expectations.

"It all happened in two months," Brown said of the store's conception. "I've been able to apply everything I've learned in this program."

Brown is partners with Jody Schnarr, 28, a business graduate from the University of Toronto. The shop sells computers, parts, software, fax broadcasting systems and has on-site computer servicing.

"Our biggest thing is customer service," Brown said. "With so much competition, our customer service has got to be better than the rest."

The Little Computer Shop is currently planning to open another store in Stratford.

Brown, who regularly commits 70-hour work weeks to the shop, sees the company as an extension of what he has learned at Conestoga.

"Through the experience of

## Correction

In the July 6 edition of Spoke, Kristin Murphy's name was misspelled in the cutline of a photo.

Paul Gains's name was misspelled in a story on page 8.

The graduation group photo on page 5 was inadvertently flipped.

Spoke regrets the errors.

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# Canadians need coaxing to show patriotism

**Most students interviewed on campus seemed to think Canadians lack enthusiasm**



Elizabeth Cunha, graduate of marketing

By Anita Santarossa

July 1 marked Canada's 131st birthday. It is a day when Canadians get a chance to have their day in the sun, and announce to the world that they are proud to be citizens of this country. So what about the remaining 364 days of the year? Are Canadians as proud to freely announce their association with Canada?

Of 15 people interviewed at Conestoga College's Doon campus July 2, all but two, who had several reservations, said they thought Canadians, in general, are a patriotic people.

One skeptic was Elizabeth Cunha, a graduate of the marketing program. She said Canadians seem to become patriotic only when sports are involved. However, she said, it only seems that on special occasions (like Canada Day) that Canadians express their true patriotism.

"I think, the ones who are truly patriotic are those people who aren't born here," said Cunha. "They seem to feel proud to be Canadian citizens more so than people who are born here."

Lucas Wagner, a third-year computer program/analyst student said Canadians are patriotic only when it comes down to the crunch.

"No one really pays much attention to being patriotic unless there is some

challenge behind it," said Wagner.

Third-year computer program/analyst student, Sandra Goosney, said she feels Canadians aren't as patriotic as Americans.

"The difference is we don't throw it in peoples faces," said Goosney.

Ryan Blake, third-year robotics automation student, agreed Canadians don't "show off" their patriotism but, said we don't need to.

"Canadians are more reserved about their patriotism because we already know we are, and we don't have to tell everybody about it."

The after effects of Canada Day celebrations shed new light upon Canadian patriotism for some people.

A third-year robotics automation student, Charles Martin, said he couldn't believe the hype of the crowd at the Edge Fest in Molson Park in Barrie.

"I always thought Canadians were generally a reserved lot, but I guess with a little beer and a little music we can get as pumped up as any other country can about their country," said Martin. "All we need is a little coaxing."

A student services assistant, Jeannette Walker, said she also felt that something is changing in regards to our patriotism.

After her experience at Columbia Lake's Canada Day events, Walker said, "I think things are definitely shifting, I couldn't believe how enthusiastic the crowd was."



Ryan Blake, third-year robotics automation student



Charles Martin, third-year marketing student



Sandra Goosney, third-year computer program/analyst student  
(Photos by Anita Santarossa)

Lucas Wagner, third-year computer program/analyst student



Jeannette Walker, student services assistant

## Been there, done that

Conestoga graduate turns down Rosie O'Donnell show for film company job

By Jason Gennings

You're a Conestoga College graduate with the chance to work on the Rosie O'Donnell show, and what do you say? No thanks. Been there, done that.

Broadcasting program graduate Stacia Peters, 23, has just finished her internship at the Rosie O'Donnell show in New York and has turned down a job offer with

1997, the calls started coming in, said Peters. She got calls from Rosie, Dateline, and Oprah all at once.

Peters had an interview at Dateline and Rosie, both on the same day in the NBC building in New York, and got both internships.

She took the Rosie internship, although the Oprah show was still a possibility.

"These were the shows I watched, dreamed about being on the set. There was nothing stopping me from shooting for the gold; I didn't know what could happen. I decided it was worth a try."

*Conestoga broadcasting graduate Stacia Peters, on landing her first big job after graduation.*

the show.

In a few weeks she will return to New York, but this time the Kitchener native will be working for a film production company called Spanky Pictures.

Her experience in the big time started just over a year ago with the persistent sending of resumes to various shows like Oprah, Rosie, Party of Five, Friends and Dateline.

"These were the shows that I watched, that I dreamed about being on the set," said Peters. "There was nothing stopping me from shooting for the gold. I didn't know what could happen. I decided it was worth a try."

Then all at once, in November

The internship started Jan. 8 and finished June 15.

Peters met many of the staff during the interviews so the first day was all right. She describes the staff as easy going, a lot of fun and really accommodating.

"I was pretty nervous because I didn't know what I was up against," said Peters. "It was also pretty exciting."

Peters said her job as a research assistant involved digging up the facts for celebrity profiles on guests to create insightful questions.

This was possible because everyday the research staff updates files about celebrities. Pieces of information, magazine and

newspaper articles are all collected for every possible guest.

After these sources are explored, Peters said the next step was to go to the NBC archives and do a Pro-Quest search, a periodical search.

"Then you had to go into the archives and dig out the old magazines or old newspapers," said Peters. "You do what you can to get whatever interesting facts you can get."

The Internet was also used in her work, but Peters said they mainly tried to use information from official pages.

"We do a lot of research to make sure the information is true and factual," said Peters. "The publicist of the celebrity also confirms some information."

Part of the job was accepting that not all of her work would be used.

"Sometimes one of the questions got used, out of six, and other times all of them got used," said Peters. "Rosie is good at improvising. Some information will get used next time."

Another part of the job was to search New York for unusual props as gifts for the guests, to make the show interesting.

"I had to get a Charlie's Angels Barbie doll for Queen Latifah," said Peters. "She always wanted to be a Charlie's Angel. I think Rosie gave it to her off the show."

Getting these props was a big part of the show, and Peters said when you actually found them, it was a huge deal and Rosie was ecstatic.

The job Peters took instead of the Rosie show is with Spanky

Pictures, an independent company that works with Miramax, HBO and Universal.

Located on Broadway, in Manhattan, the film company does a lot of independent films as well as a lot of blockbusters.

Previous movies include

*"It came up now and I never expected it to happen like this. It was an opportunity to jump on that happened faster than I ever imagined."*

*Stacia Peters, 23*

Beautiful Girls with Rosie O'Donnell, Uma Thurman, Matt Dillon and one of their latest,

Rounders.

Peters has taken television and done work in radio.

"I had always hoped that I could be on the set of movies, working in the production area," said Peters. "It came up now and I never expected it to happen like this. It was an opportunity to jump on that happened faster than I ever imagined."

At Rosie, Peters would have been a research assistant but at Spanky was going to be a brand new experience for her.

She leaves in a couple of weeks after doing the immigration paperwork involved.

Peters said these talk shows are looking for students to intern with them, and not just from one program.

"These opportunities are there, but a lot of people think it's impossible to do these things," said Peters.

"More people should get their fingers in there."

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# Canadian government gun-shy with new ruling



Sometimes I just don't get it.

In Canada, we tend to pride ourselves on our progressive society and enlightened legal system to the point where we look down our noses at most of the world.

We do have a representative democracy and a justice system that works most of the time, but every now and then an event occurs which should force us to re-evaluate our priorities.

On July 9, a man was found guilty, in a Hamilton court, of careless use of a firearm as a result of an incident, which took place last summer.

On Aug. 14, of last year, at 3:30 a.m., Scott Howarth spotted three teenagers breaking into his neighbor's garage in a Hamilton suburb. Knowing his neighbor was away at the cottage, Howarth, an experienced hunter, grabbed his shotgun, loaded it with birdshot, and confronted the trio.

After several attempts to force the thieves to stop, Howarth fired a single shot into the ground near his feet, striking all three fleeing suspects with several spent pellets, which had ricocheted off the ground. None of the teens was seriously injured and all were later arrested.

As a result of the incident, Howarth was charged with assault causing bodily harm, assault with a weapon and careless use of a firearm. He was acquitted on the first two charges and found guilty on the third.

In the meantime, the three young reprobates, whose identities are protected by that wonderful piece of progressive legislation, the Young Offenders Act, are probably walking the streets of Hamilton, planning their next break-in.

While Howarth waits to be sentenced on Aug. 7, the Crown has asked the court to impose a jail term.

What is wrong with this picture?

While it is understandable that the courts wish to discourage citizens from taking the law into their own hands, sometimes it is necessary to make exceptions to the rules.

I believe the charge of careless use of a firearm was the wrong one to lay. My understanding of the law is that this particular charge is sort of a "catch-all" thing that covers everything from waving a gun in the air to accidental homicide.

Fifteen years ago, there was an incident involving two prominent citizens from this community, where a man was accidentally shot in a hunting accident and lost his leg as a result. The two men were good friends so

there was no question of malice or intent. Nevertheless, a charge of careless use of a firearm was laid and the shooter received an absolute discharge (no pun intended).

Here we have one situation where a man lost his leg and very nearly his life and another where three young punks were superficially wounded while committing an indictable offense.

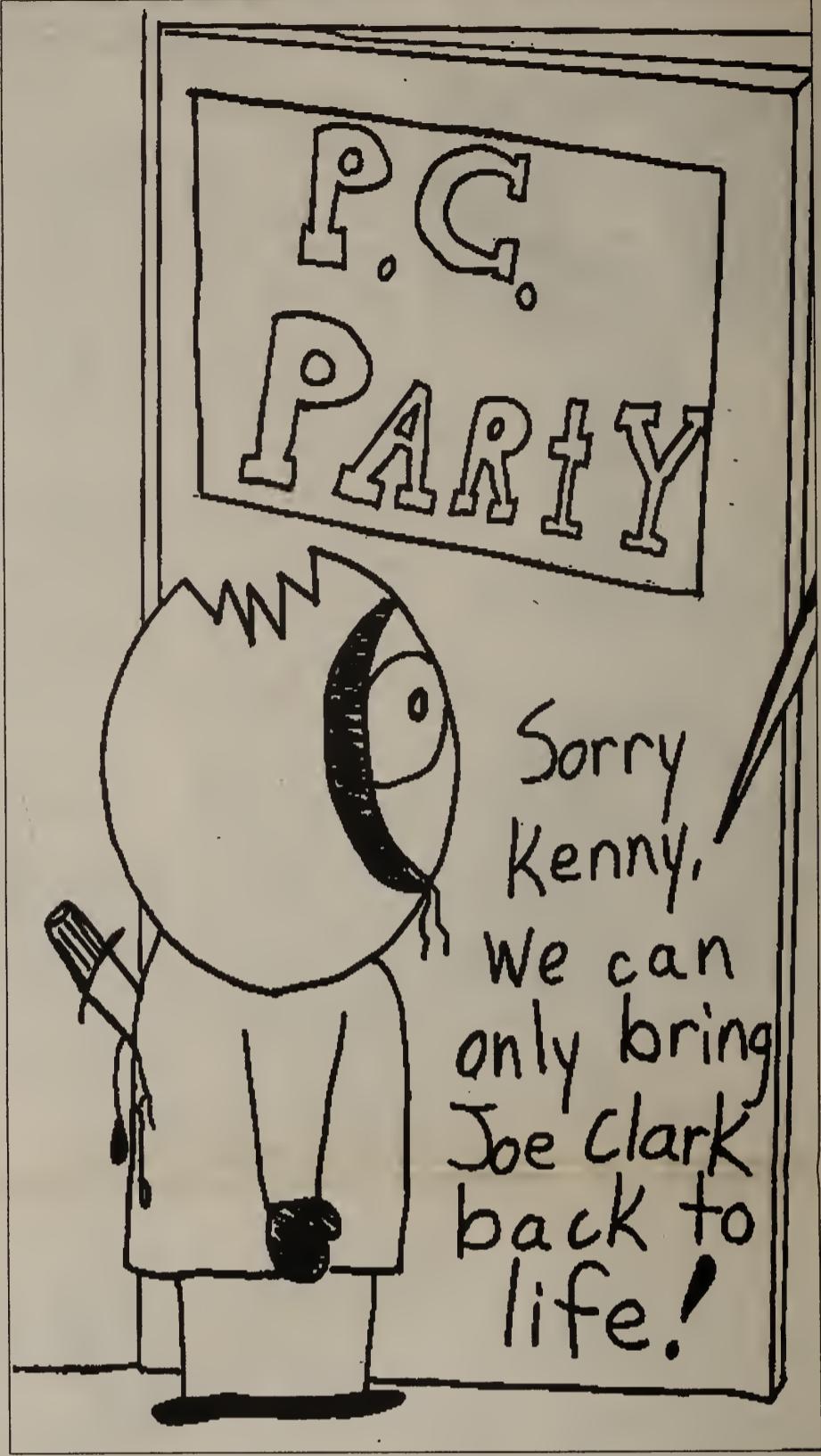
In the first incident, the charge and sentence were probably appropriate, but in light of that, how can one justify the apparent vindictiveness behind the Crown's application in the second?

Could it be that the law deems stupidity to be a greater virtue than concern for one's neighbor?

It is just this kind of inconsistent justice that has led to the ever-increasing levels of anxiety, frustration and fear that we see in society today. As the government imposes more restrictions on our rights to defend our property and loved ones, while at the same time allowing criminals free rein to wreak havoc in our communities, the temptation to strike back becomes more difficult to resist.

Perhaps it is time for our law makers and courts, to take a long hard look at the kind of society they are creating on our behalf before another Scott Howarth decides he has had enough.

“Could it be that the law deems stupidity to be a greater virtue than concern for one's neighbor?”



## Royal family won't allow legacy of Diana to rest in peace



I suppose it was only a matter of time before someone tapped the cottage industry cashing in on the memory of the late Diana, Princess of Wales. But I never dreamed it would be her own brother.

On July 1, which would have been Diana's 37th birthday, Charles, the ninth Earl of Spencer officially opened the family home of Althrop to the public.

Charging anywhere from \$8.20 to \$15.60 a ticket, he originally claimed all the money would go to charity. But not anymore. Given the \$5 million price tag that accompanied

the renovations required to transform the stable house into a museum, he changed his mind. Now, only 10 per cent of the profits will be donated to his sister's memorial fund.

This memorial museum seems anything but dignified. It sounds more like a three-ring circus. It includes movies of a young Diana, her lavish wedding gown, even her school uniform and lunch box. But that's not all. People can stop to snack in the cafeteria or pick up a souvenir bearing the princess's likeness at the gift shop. They can also take a boat ride to the edge of the island and lay flowers at her grave in honor of the "queen of hearts."

It's difficult to understand why her brother

is surprised at the critics' claim that he is simply cashing in on his sister's memory.

Did he once stop to think what this might do to his nephews? Probably not. If he did, he would have realized he is robbing those children of their precious memories of their mother, whose life was cut tragically short by a fatal car accident in Paris last Aug. 31.

The earl also made a moving speech at Diana's funeral, placing the blame on every proprietor who had made money off the princess. Is he any better than the people he holds responsible for his sister's death? Not really. Otherwise, he would have found another way to maintain her dignity.

But he thinks he is preserving Diana's dignity and beauty by limiting the number

of people who can enter the beautiful grounds of the family estate each day to 2,500.

It seems ironic that Diana's brother has chosen Althrop estate to save his sister's memory, considering that when she asked to use one of the houses on the grounds to escape the media for awhile, he turned her away. His reason — Diana's presence would draw too much unwanted attention to the family.

It's sad to see her life put on public display, considering the Princess of Wales fought so hard during her life to preserve her privacy. Unfortunately now, Diana will not be able to escape the gaze of the media and the flash of the camera, even in death.

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Keeping Conestoga College connected

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# Coach's enthusiasm inspires young players

By Michael Hilborn

The World Cup may be history but that doesn't mean the game of soccer is forgotten.

For Steph Den Haan, captain of Conestoga College's bronze-medal women's indoor soccer team, the game is still alive and well.

Den Haan, whose background in soccer covers all aspects of the game, from goalkeeping to refereeing, is spending the summer sharing her experience and enthusiasm for the world's most popular game with 90 children in Cambridge.

Soccer Excel Daycamp is a five-week camp/clinic that is currently operating in Churchill Park through the middle of August.

Den Haan, who will be returning to Conestoga's Doon campus in September for her final year of marketing, said she came up with the idea while looking for a summer job.

"I needed the money," she said. "I love kids and I love soccer."

Den Haan said she originally planned to run the camp for eight weeks but the enrolment wasn't sufficient to run it that long. With 90 children currently enrolled, the camp will run for five weeks.

The program runs from Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. until about 2 p.m., depending on the weather.

"If it's really hot, we take the little ones down to the splash pool, where they can catch crayfish," she said.

The program is divided into two age groups: those aged five to seven and those aged eight to 10. Den Haan said the younger chil-

dren are taught the basic skills, such as ball control, while the older ones are also taught advanced skills.

Den Haan and her seven instructors assume defenders roles so the older students can practise set plays, such as free kicks and corners.

**"It's a high the whole time you're in net."**

*Steph Den Haan, on goalkeeping, captain of the Condor's women's indoor soccer team*

One area of the game that is not covered is fitness. Den Haan said fitness training is not required for young children since most of them do enough running to maintain a reasonable level of conditioning by themselves.

Den Haan said she sees a brighter future for soccer in Canada, but the biggest weakness in the country right now is coaching and lack of funding.

"There's more money to be made in the States than there is in Canada," she said. "The best players get U.S. scholarships. I know at this level things are improving a lot, but on the international level, something has to be done about the coaching."

The program runs in one-week blocks. Den Haan said some of the children enrol for two or three sessions.

A group of instructors, including Conestoga students Karen Mellanson and Tom Marczak are assisting Den Haan in the program. Mellanson, who was a

member of last year's indoor soccer team, scored the winning goal for Conestoga in the shootout against Royal Military College in the bronze-medal game last February.

Marczak, a second-year-nursing student at the Doon campus, said he learned the game in his native Poland, where he began playing when he was three years old.

Now 19, Marczak said he would be trying out for the Condors men's team in September. He currently plays for the Polish Eagles soccer club in a local recreational league. He said he first met Den Haan last year when both were playing in an intramural league.

Den Haan, who has played every position on the field, is also a certified referee. She said out of all her experiences in soccer, she loves goalkeeping the most.

"I like the challenge," she said. "It's a high the whole time you're in net. You can never have a perfect game but you can keep striving for it."

According to Cheryl Smith, Den Haan's enthusiasm is contagious. Smith, of Cambridge, who has two sons enrolled in the program, said her sons, Mitchell, 6, and Spencer, 7, told her this is their favorite summer camp and she believes Den Haan is the reason.

"I really like Steph. She's a good leader. I think she's done a really good job," she said.

The Soccer Excel Daycamp will run until the middle of August. The cost is \$95 per week, \$170 for two weeks and \$250 for three weeks. For additional information, contact Den Haan at (519) 496-7622.



Steph Den Haan (centre) poses with two of her instructors, Fiona Mattrasingh (left) and Allison Kelley at Den Haan's Soccer Excel Daycamp in Cambridge.

(Photo by Michael Hilborn)



Sarah Clarke, of Cambridge is doing one of the training drills at the Soccer Excel Daycamp in Cambridge. (Photo by Michael Hilborn)

## All-pro football camp charges onto Conestoga fields

By Amanda Fickling

You may not have recognized the sports fields at Conestoga College's Doon campus from June 28 to July 1. The fields seemed different, because people were using them.

The All-Pro Football Camp, run by Ron Dias, had 98 boys between the ages of 15 and 18 from across Canada, throwing, kicking, grunting and tackling for four days in front of the recreation centre.

Dias said, "It is an incredible opportunity for the kids to be seen and to gain exposure."

Dias said a boy from British Columbia and five boys from Quebec had come to attend the camp.

Phil Janaro, a coach at the camp, said, "The camp is run by Ron (Dias) to promote Canadian athletes."

Janaro said university coaches from Miami, Nebraska, Houston, and Illinois are present during the camps, and the kids come looking to be evaluated for scholarships.

Tom Stackaruk, a football coach at Weber State University, Utah, said the camp draws coaches from some big-time programs.

Stackaruk said Weber State has had a lot of success in the past with Canadian players, and other coaches are realizing quality players come from Canada.

"The talent here is a great hidden secret," said Stackaruk.



Andre Clemmence (left) and Dwayne Mundle relax during a lecture by coach Cornell Ford of the University of Toledo, June 29.

(Photo by Amanda Fickling)

He said the camps give the coaches a great opportunity to look at talent from across Canada. As a coach, he tries to watch everything about the athlete, such as how intense and coachable they are, said Stackaruk.

He said high school kids here will do anything for a scholarship, whereas in the United States by the end of high school the novelty has sort of worn off because of the great exposure they get through their high school programs.

The kids in Canada seem a lot more hungry for recognition because the opportunity is not there, said Stackaruk. They have dreams and aspirations and they are all fired up, he said.

"I wouldn't be here if there weren't tough kids here," said Stackaruk, who is from Smithville, Ont.

Stackaruk said there were about 20 to 25 kids at the camp that were quality players and whom he would be interested in following, but he said once the camp is over the coaches are not able to contact the kids until their football season starts.

Dias said Conestoga College, which has hosted the camp for the past four years, was chosen as the location for a number of reasons.

He said Conestoga is easily accessible from Highway 401 and is located between Toronto and Windsor.

The fields are great and the accommodations at Rodeway Suites are fantastic, said Dias. The kids get private rooms, air conditioning and beds.

The athletes are restricted to campus during training, so meals are catered by the Edelweiss, said Dias.



Bill Warner watches other players practise on the fields at Conestoga College. (Photo by Amanda Fickling)

# Feds cancel program for mature workers

By Michael Hilborn

Fifteen people, all of whom were over 40-years-old, graduated from Conestoga's Cambridge campus in June and marked the end of one of the most obscure programs at the college.

Because the program did not operate from the Doon campus, many of the thousands of students who have come through the conventional college system, that is, directly out of high school, were unaware of its existence.

Workers With Experience, a program operated jointly by the college and Human Resources Development Canada, was designed to help older workers who have been laid off as a result of corporate downsizing or plant closures. The program teaches job skills that will enable the students to compete in the current job market.

The program also ran at the Guelph and Waterloo campuses, but over the last two years it has operated only in Cambridge.

Ross Cromwell, of Cambridge, Ont., a graduate of Hamilton Teachers' College, and a teacher and facilitator with the program since its inception in 1990, described the program as a life-skills course designed to assist mature workers to deal with the shock of sudden and unexpected unemployment.

"The purpose of the program was to assist richly skilled and experienced individuals to find their way back into a meaningful work environment," said Cromwell.

Cromwell said he has been aware for several years that the federal

government was changing its funding policies, but he still believes it is a valuable opportunity lost.

"I want the community to recognize the richness of experience of people who sometimes, through no fault of their own, are forced to start over again at 40, 45 or 50," he said. "Regardless of your age, everybody has some gifts to give."

**"They give civil servants a good name."**

*Ross Cromwell, former instructor in the Workers With Experience program.*

Cromwell, who has 25 years experience teaching in the field of access and preparation studies, said the focus of the program was to make the clients aware that in a constantly changing work environment, it is necessary for people to not only learn new skills, but to anticipate trends.

"We are immediately challenged to become futurists," he said.

Cromwell said he was particularly disappointed to lose the services of Nancy Coughlin and Lynn Fogal, two employees of Human Resources Development Canada, who have been the co-ordinators in Cambridge.

"They (Coughlin and Fogal) give civil servants a good name," he said. "They understand the issues at a community level."

Cromwell said the biggest obstacle newly unemployed

people have to overcome is the tremendous blow to their self-esteem.

"We tend to equate our self-worth with employment," he said.

Debra Falco, one of the graduates of the last class, said she felt taking the workers course was one of the most significant decisions she ever made.

The former flight attendant and inflight service manager, who was employed by Wardair until that airline was absorbed in a corporate takeover, said she has worked as a real estate agent, bookkeeper, and temporary office help over the years since.

Falco said she knew she had good people skills but she wasn't able to put them to use in a way that made her feel she was making a contribution.

Falco said the program was a milestone in her life. "I think it put me on the right track," she said. "It's given me hope. It's given me balance. I never thought I had anger in me or frustration but I knew that I had lost hope. I felt that a lot of the cobwebs had come out."

"If you're going to get discouraged or if you're going to get negative, turn it around, get excited about it. Keep going and keep plugging ahead. Turn that negative into a positive."

"I've lived the life of the rich and famous: flying to different countries, expensive dinners, shopping. I never believed I would be going to school, hungry for two days," she said.

Falco said she gives a lot of credit to the teachers and counsellors in the program.

"It was a safe, non-judgmental atmosphere," she said.

"There were a lot of one-on-one sessions as well as support from the other people in the group."

Falco said the most significant and enlightening aspect of the course was the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI).

MBTI is a self-report questionnaire that is based on the research of Carl Jung — a nineteenth century Swiss psychiatrist who believed that normal people tended to develop distinct personalities based on the way in which they preferred to use their minds.

Jung said over time, people of any given type would behave in predictable ways under certain circumstances.

Katherine Cook-Briggs and her daughter, Isabel Briggs-Myers, developed that theory into a comprehensive inventory that divided people into 16 distinct personality types.

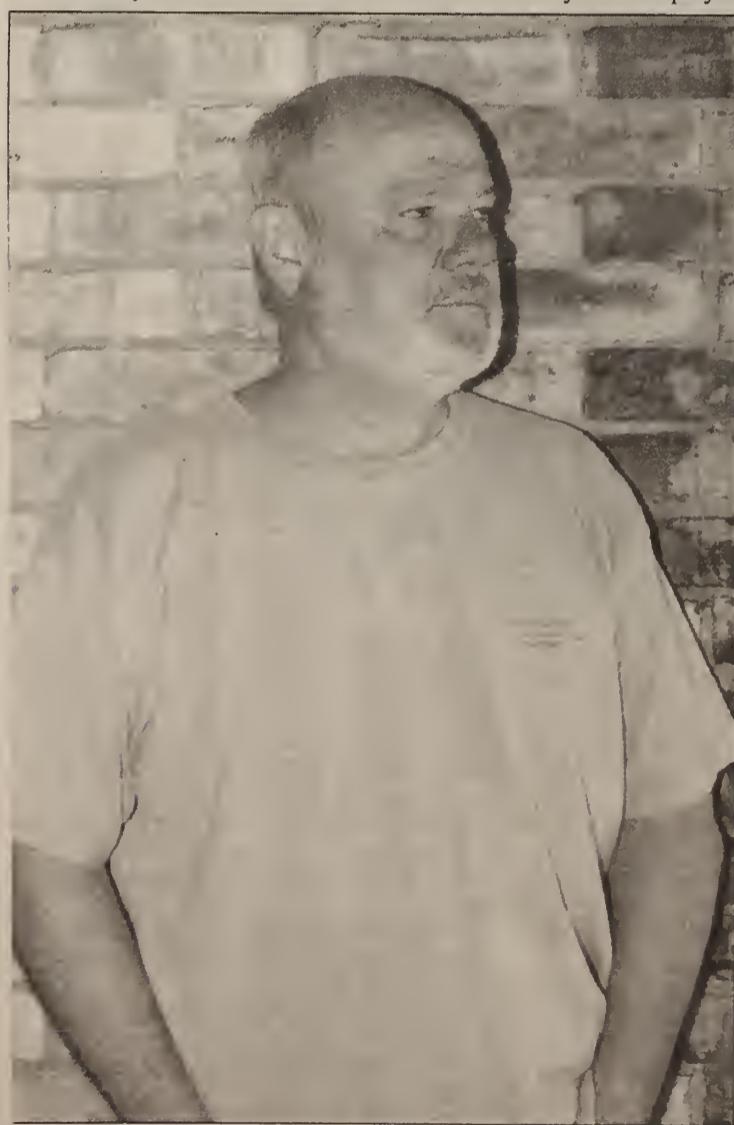
"It (MBTI) gave me a better understanding of why things didn't work out in some situations," said Falco. "It made a difference in my life because I have realized why somebody may say or do something. It's not because they're being hurtful. It's just the way they are."

When asked if she believed the workers program represented a worthwhile investment of taxpayers' money, Falco said, "Absolutely. It's a crime for them (the federal government) not to support people 40 and over during the transition period."



Debra Falco is a graduate of the last class of Workers With Experience, a retraining program for mature adults which was operated jointly by Conestoga College and Human Resources Development Canada.

(Photo by Michael Hilborn)



Ross Cromwell, of Cambridge, is one of the original instructors in the Workers With Experience program.

(Photo by Michael Hilborn)

## Conestoga grad saw program from both sides

By Michael Hilborn

Mary Gibbons, a graduate of the career development practitioners program at the 30th convocation in June, is someone who has seen both sides of the Workers With Experience program.

Gibbons entered the program in September of 1994 and, after graduating in December of that year, went on to teach Ontario Basic Skills (OBS) at the Guelph campus under the guidance of the late Bob Seeger.

The native of Trout Creek, Ont., described her experience in the program as one of the "most empowering opportunities of my life."

"The workers experience was very grounding for me," said Gibbons.

"I believe the combination of my own hard work and the support, nurturing and patient guidance of the skilled practitioners created for me the opportunity for acceptance of change. It gave an opportunity to explore and assess where you came from in a supportive environment," she said.

"Most of us grew up with the

idea that you get up in the morning and you go to work. I've learned that it's OK to go after something you really like," said Gibbons.

Gibbons said she, too, is disappointed the program is being discontinued.

"I have a very large concern regarding servicing and helping the adult population," she said. "The (federal government's) focus is on youth because youth promises the future."

"Unfortunately, with that rationale, there is very little room for the adults who are going through downsizing and retraining."

Gibbons said she estimates government funding for employment training and job creation is now weighted about 90 per cent towards youth and 10 per cent towards adults.

What advice does Gibbons have for older workers, now that the workers program has been relegated to the history books?

"We have to become more entrepreneurial in our thinking."

Gibbons said she will continue to stay in touch with many of the friends she has made through the workers program.

"There's still a need."

## Movie Review

# Carrey's Truman Show

## a new stretch for comic

**Jim Carrey's latest film has people flocking to the box office**

By Amanda Fickling

Carrey's most recent role, as Truman Burbank in the *Truman Show*, is a switch from the comical, face-making, body-distorting roles he usually plays.

Some fans may be disappointed in Carrey's new style, while others may have a new appreciation for his acting ability.

Either way, Carrey has proved himself to be a diverse actor, one who can make people laugh, as well as sympathize with a naive and pathetic character such as Truman.

The movie, directed by Peter Weir, can be difficult to understand at times. It is simply a movie about a TV show, the *Truman Show*. If the audience keeps that in mind it will survive this movie.

However, the beginning of the movie, which happens to be the credits of the TV show, immediately catapults the viewer into mass confusion.

The created names of the actors and the names of their characters on the show are listed. The only person the audience is 100 per cent sure about is Truman himself.

What the audience does know is that Truman has no idea he is the star of a world-wide television series.

As the movie progresses, the viewers realize that Truman is living in a fictional world, one in

which his every move is being recorded and broadcast live, 24 hours a day, to the rest of the world.

The day Truman was born, he was taken away from his biological parents and raised by actors.

Every human Truman has contact with is an actor: the newsstand man, his best friend, his mother, his employers and even his wife.

Truman's fixed life takes place within the "world's largest studio". One large biosphere is home to many things that make Truman's life seem real: the lake Truman's father drowned in, other small cities that surround his hometown, his high school, trees, parks, roads, cars, buses, and everything else that makes the world believable.

**"We accept the reality of the world as it is presented to us."**

*Christoph, character from the Truman Show*

The constant anger felt, because of the manipulation Truman undergoes, is counterbalanced by the humorous aspects of the movie. For example, in one scene it rains only on Truman. He jumps from one spot to another, and the cloud follows only him.

Certain real-life characters break onto the set of the *Truman Show* and try to explain to Truman what his life is all about. Lorne Garland, a character whom Truman falls in love with, succeeds in making Truman look at his life and notice the oddities that happen to him.

After Lorne tells Truman his life is a TV show, Truman tries to go into an elevator he has never

ridden before; the doors open and behind them are actors having a doughnut break.

From this point on, Truman rebels and tries to escape the world he has known since he was born.

The director of the TV show, Christoph, defends the show by saying, "This is real TV. There is nothing fake about Truman. It may not always be Shakespeare, but its life."

Truman was the first human to ever be legally adopted by a corporation, which is a scary thought. The entire concept of this movie is a terrifying one.

It may seem too far-fetched to be true, but it is not, when we take into consideration that the *Titanic* and a lake for it to sit in was recreated for the purpose of entertainment.

We have the technology to make anything happen now. We very well may be being watched and have no idea about it. We go on everyday without questioning our existence or our purpose. We simply eat, sleep, live, go to school or work, and continue our lives.

But how can we go on without the knowledge that we are being watched? Simply. It is summed up in a quote by Christoph, the director. He said, "We accept the reality of the world as it is presented to us."

The end has the audience cheering Truman on and leaves the impression that Carrey was as successful in his serious role as he has been with his comical roles.

**Rating — \*\***

### Rating System

- \* Don't bother
- \*\* Bother
- \*\*\* Bother soon
- \*\*\*\* Immediatley bother

## Web site helps find scholarships

By Melanie Spencer

Finding out about student scholarships can now be done on a Web site operated by Toronto-based EDge Interactive Publishing Inc. The company, which creates interactive digital media for the education market, has launched [www.scholarshipscanada.com](http://www.scholarshipscanada.com), a Web site that allows students from across Canada to access information on scholarships for a \$25 fee.

In a news release, president and chief executive officer Chris Wilkins said, "Our goal is to make education accessible to students across Canada by providing useful information on schools, scholarships and careers."

"With college and university tuition fees increasing, we feel scholarshipscanada.com will make it possible for students to go to college or university."

The site, which was launched

earlier this year, includes information on more than 50,000 scholarships worth over \$50 million. Each listing contains information on the criteria required and deadlines. It also contains information on other forms of financial aid, such as the Canada Student Loan Program, and Budget Wizard.

Students can search the site in one of two ways, through either a home subscription costing \$25 plus taxes and offering 10 sessions, or a school subscription, which comes with the Scholarship Finder CD-ROM. Using an external link from the site ends a session.

According to the Web site, there are currently 43 secondary schools, universities and colleges across the country subscribing to this service. Conestoga College is not among these schools.

Shelley Frangos, who teaches an

Internet course at the college, said, "I think the site could be extremely helpful for post-secondary students wishing to learn more about applying for available scholarships."

"It outlines tips, and pointers, and even has a checklist for those who apply for scholarships. It is an excellent site, and a must visit for all post-secondary students."

Another site students might find helpful is [www.schoolfind.com](http://www.schoolfind.com). Launched in 1996, it contains information on universities and colleges and is updated annually.

According to their Web site, EDge Interactive was started to help students find the right school for their needs and for schools to find the right students.

The Canadian company, founded in 1994 has developed more than 16 multimedia CD-ROMs, six Web sites and over 150 Multimedia Campus Tours.

## CD Review

## Two hip jazz bands break new ground

By Anita Santarossa

We are at an age in the music industry where history has become our comparison. It is becoming more difficult for bands to create something that hasn't been done before, or create a music without any overtones of past musicians.

Despite this vacuum of genre categorization, there are musicians creating sounds that haven't been heard before.

The Pat Metheny Group and Tuatara are two groups of such innovation and inspiration.

Drummer Barrett Martin of Tuatara said in a press release that, "When you create a genre that doesn't exist, you can be the best band in that genre."

We live in a world of categorization. Humans desire to belong, and within this belonging we look for similarities.

Both Tuatara and Metheny are instrumental music groups, who have united talented musicians with different backgrounds and ideas to produce a genre of their own. Again, both seem to fall under the same category, which has no specific name yet. Nonetheless, a prime example of our obsessive urge to categorize.

The Pat Metheny Group played at the Molson Amphitheatre July 2, for an evening of experimental musical enlightenment.

Metheny opened the concert with a solo on his awkwardly shaped 36-string synclavier guitar, which sounded much like a mandolin.

After this amazing opener, the five other group members came walking in, shaking outdoor wind chimes, as Metheny began the next song.

A mix of funk jazz with African rhythm undertones vibrated throughout much of their music.

One difference between Metheny's group and Tuatara is that Metheny incorporated background melodic vocals, which acted much like instruments, since there were no lyrics.

Tuatara the Seattle-based band became known in '97 with their debut album, *Breaking the Ethers*. Their new CD, *Trading with the Enemy*, adds six musicians to the original four, who bring various backgrounds and talents to the group.

**"When you create a genre that doesn't exist, you can be the best band in that genre."**

*Barrett Martin, drummer of Tuatara*

Tuatara's music is life music. The first track, *The Streets of New Delhi*, is like noises you would hear walking downtown Toronto; it can be calm at one moment and then there are sirens blaring and lights flashing.

Instruments used throughout the CD are congos, marimba, piano, vibes, flute, and electric guitar.

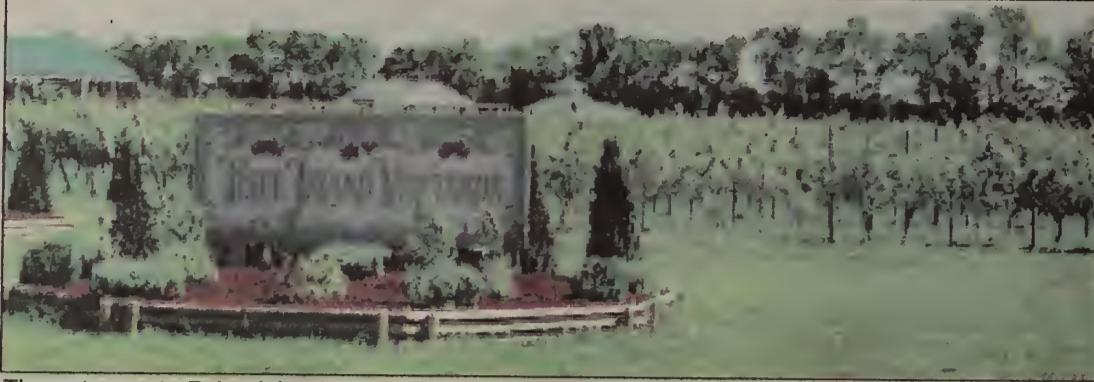
Both Metheny and Tuatara create stimulating sounds with an ingenious collaboration of instrumentation.



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# Revisit the nostalgia of '50s at Pelee Island



The entrance to Pelee Island vineyards captures the essence of winemaking.

(Photo by Anita Santarossa)

## Ruins take tourists back in time

By Anita Santarossa

Be prepared to be welcomed by the warm smiles and lively stories of the residents, the sweet smell of rare vegetation species and the shy glances of the Mexican workers tending the vineyards and landscape when you visit Canada's southernmost point, Pelee Island.

Only 4 1/2 hours away, (including the ferry ride) from Kitchener-Waterloo, the island is like another world, one with few roads, services and worries.

Two friends and I recently took a bike trip over to the island. Our usual worries about locking our bikes and doors surfaced, but in amazement seemed unnecessary on Pelee Island. Security seemed to be non-existent and insignificant.

The majority of the tourists were bikers, few vehicles toured the island. A bonus was the island is flat, so there were no steep hills to climb. So, if you're into a leisurely bike ride, Pelee Island is a place for you.

However, note that though the main roads are paved, most of the side roads are tar-and-chip with loose gravel, so mountain bikes are highly recommended.

If you don't own a bike there are places that rent bikes for under \$15 a day.

If you are not interested in biking the island, (though I recommend it since it only takes 22 minutes to drive around the island) then a one-way ferry ride will cost you \$16.50 for your car, plus the \$7.50 passenger fee for adults over the age of 12. Bikes will cost you \$3.75 plus the passenger rate.

Our first stop was the Pelee Island Vineyards. On my way through the rosebush trellis entrance, I stopped to talk with a keeper of the vineyards. Ismahir Gomez didn't speak much English, and had a reserved air

about him, as did the other Mexican workers. He said he works at the vineyards over the pre-harvest and harvest seasons and several groups of Mexicans come to the island to work on the vineyards and landscaping. He likes working on the island, he said, but misses his family and friends back home in Mexico.

After spending \$5 on a wine tour that consisted of a get-it-over-and-done-with student tour guide, a low quality audio/visual history screening and a taste of five of the region's wines, which by the way are not produced on the island, we ventured outside the centre into the pavilion.

There is a place, not too far away, where time is not of the essence, and the essence cares not about time.

A jazz band played while a dozen or so 45-year-olds danced on the covered wooden patio, children pulled at their parents shirts, and one fellow vomited over the patio railing. Not the most appropriate place for good, clean family fun.

The atmosphere on the island took one back to the early '50s, when recycling and bank machines didn't exist — they don't on the island — it was nice to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city.

Darlene White, hostess of the Twin Oaks Bed and Breakfast, where we stayed over night, said, "This island is about 1950 in the way things run, and hasn't kept

up with the times, but doesn't really want to."

A sign should be posted at the entrance reading: No late-night entertainment and one taxi.

White said it is kind of nice to live without a lot of the conveniences on the mainland "You appreciate things more when you live on the island."

Tourists, in general, don't visit the island to party. Most come for the scenery, tranquility and some for nostalgic reasons.

Debbie and Bill Boehlen are a couple from Port Robinson, Ont., who were visiting Twin Oaks with their two-year-old daughter Rehn.

Married three years ago on the island, they have continued to visit ever since. They said they feel it is their second home and really enjoy biking the island.

Debbie said, "Every year things change, not big things, but little ones. For instance, some restaurants are offering vegetarian meals, which we love, since we are vegetarians."

Leigh and Darlene White, owners of the Twin Oaks Inn, were accommodating and hospitable. The best thing about them was they were both libraries of information.

The Whites spoke of the Vin Villa homestead built in 1868 by the McCormick settler family. The ruins at the site take one further back in time. Their atmosphere is slightly haunting, though comforting as you further explore the remains. Vin Villa was Ontario's first major commercial winery, with 33 acres of grapes. After a day of biking, one can relax and watch the sun paint a serene pastel colored sky, as it sinks into Lake Erie.

It is nice to know that in this world, which constantly pushes us forward, there is a place, not too far away, where time is not of the essence, and the essence



Ismahir Gomez works on the vineyards at Pelee Island.

(Photo by Anita Santarossa)



Darlene and Leigh White are the friendly owners of the Twin Oaks Inn on Pelee Island.

(Photo by Anita Santarossa)



The sun sets on the west coast of Pelee Island.

(Photo by Anita Santarossa)